COUNCILMEMBER C.T. MARTIN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 162-118, SUBSECTION (A) SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY RATE INCREASES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FARES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, taxicab drivers have been extremely disadvantaged by the drastic increase of gas prices in the city of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the taxicab drivers have stated that attempts to upgrade their vehicles and increasing gas prices have had a detrimental effect on the entire industry in the city of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the council is interested in the welfare of taxi drivers in the city of Atlanta and desire to encourage any measures that will encourage the taxicab industries' ability to train their drivers, purchase newer cars and engaging in other practices to better serve the citizens of Atlanta.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1.

That Section 162-118(a) which currently states:

Sec. 162-118. Schedule of fares.

- (a) All taxicab companies and drivers shall charge the following schedule of fares, except as otherwise provided in this section:
- (1) To first one-seventh mile, \$1.50.
- (2) Each additional one-seventh mile, \$0.20.
- (3) Waiting time, \$15.00 per hour.
- (4) For each additional passenger in excess of one riding in the vehicle on the same trip, \$1.00 per person. Only one child in the company of an adult will be charged the additional passenger fee; any additional children will not be charged any additional passenger fee. Children under six will not be charged.
- (5) For use of additional space for luggage, trunks or cargo for which the trunk space in a four-door sedan would not be adequate, \$5.00. This charge may be assessed only when a passenger has more than three pieces of luggage. The driver must inform the passenger of this fee before luggage is loaded. The term "luggage" shall not mean carry-on bags.

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